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Centre for Native Education

Sept/Oct 1999

Here we are, back at the grind.

School is well underway and we have met so many of you already. If you haven't already come to see us, feel free to drop by anytime. We are a service for you and this is your space. Our lounge is perfect for relaxing, making a phone call, eating your lunch of just meeting other students. Our study space is much less noisy than the library and we have a kitchen to heat up your lunch in! Photocopies are the cheapest on campus at 3 cents a copy and the first 50 of the semester are free! Many of you are already taking advantage of our services, and we welcome the rest of you to do the same. We hope to help you make the best of your academic year. Come see what we can do for you!

Have you met our new Interim Coordinator yet?

If you haven't we encourage you to come and meet Brenda Rowe. Brenda is a professor from the Simone de Beauvoir Institute for Women's Studies. Brenda's warmth and laughter are a fabulous addition to our centre and we look forward to spending the rest of the academic year with her.

It's A Boy!

Manon Tremblay, the coordinator for the Centre, finally had the baby! A little boy...well, actually, not so little! Weighing in at 10 lbs. and 8 oz., Thomas Frederick Stuart Robinson joined the world on September 9th at 8:47am. Mom, Dad and big brother James are all happy and pleased that Thomas is such a pleasant quiet baby who loves to sleep most of the time! We are just wondering when we get

to meet the little guy? Maybe at the baby shower? We will keep all posted as to when that will be!

Free lunch !!

Tracee Diabo and her crew will be visiting us to offer an information/recruitment session for McGill's new Civil/Common Law Program. Two students of the Aboriginal Law Association who are presently studying at McGill, will be on hand to answer any questions. A light lunch will be served in the lounge and all who are interested in pursuing a degree in Law are encouraged to check it out! The date is this Thursday, Sept. 30th and it's from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Important dates

The deadlines have passed to drop a course for full refund, but if you think you are not going to make it successfully through a course, there is another deadline to remember. Tuesday, November 2nd is the last day for academic withdrawal from Fall Term courses. However, we hope that before you get there, you come see us and we'll see what your options are to make the most of your course load. Other important dates are Oct. 8th for the University Writing Test, and Oct. 11th the university is closed for Thanksgiving.

Need money?

The Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth gives out lots of money every year to Native students, both in secondary and post secondary education. This money is given out to help with tuition, books, computer, clothing and other necessities. All Native students are encouraged to apply. The completed applications must be received in their



offices by October 15th, at 5pm. Faxed applications are not acceptable. We have the forms here, so if you are interested in winning a scholarship, come pick one up and fill it out. Hurry before it's too late!

Guest Speaker

The Concordia University Community Lecture Series on HIV/AIDS presents Kecia Larkin. This lecture will be focusing on Country Living with HIV: Interventions in Non-Urban Native Communities. Kecia is from the Kwa'kwa'ka'wakw nation of the Northwest Coast and the Peigan nation of the plains. She is 28 years old, a single mother and presently lives in Alberta. After testing positive for HIV in 1989, she became involved in HIV/AIDS education and awareness. In 1990, she began travelling throughout Canada and the USA, sharing her experience with First Nations people through video, newspaper, radio and public lectures. As well, Kecia has worked as a peer support worker at *Healing Our Spirit BC First Nations AIDS Society*. Kecia's approach to HIV/AIDS is highly creative, autobiographical and holistic. Her talk will focus on her experiences as an HIV-positive First Nations educator. This presentation is open and free for all. The date is Thursday, October 7th at 5:30pm in room H-110. Also featuring a performance by the Sweetgrass Singers.

Job opportunities

Here at the Centre, we regularly receive faxes which list job opportunities available to Natives. If you're job hunting, come by and see what we've posted on the board:

- This one's not exactly a job, but it does offer money to study up North. It is the Northern Scientific Training Program and it is open to candidates studying in disciplines in both the Natural and Social Sciences that whose research involves northern studies. The NSTP will help pay for transportation and living costs while you obtain practical fieldwork experience in the Canadian North. Applicants must be registered in a degree program, either graduate or senior undergraduate, during the 1999/2000 academic year. Deadline is November 1st. More information is available here at the Centre or call Dr. Lorna Roth at 848-2545.

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- There is an opening with the Kativik School Board for a Pedagogical Counsellor in Nunavik. This is a contract position from Oct. 99-May 2000. Salary is from \$30,000-\$58,000 a year, plus bonuses. Deadline to apply is Oct. 6th. For more information, check out our postings board.
- The Native Women's Shelter of Montreal is looking for a full-time cook. Salary is \$325.00 paid bi-monthly. For more information, check out our postings board.

Welcome to our new staff!

We are pleased to welcome our two latest recruits, Clifton Nicholas and Geronimo Inuitiq. These fine individuals will be helping us keep the Centre open as student assistants and will be available to answer all your questions. Welcome Clifton and Geronimo!

New Agendas

Our latest agendas are finally in! If you haven't already dropped by to pick one up, feel free to do so! They feature important dates and are a handy way to keep track of your busy schedule while attending university. They are free!

Free breakfast, again!

Since our initial free breakfast that we served during the first week of classes, many have asked if we could continue with it. We will be serving more free food for our students and their families the first Monday of each month. Breakfast will be served from 9:00am to 11:00am. We hope to see you there!

*****All of you who have taken books out of our documentation centre, please bring them in as soon as possible as students are now doing research. Thank you!**

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